

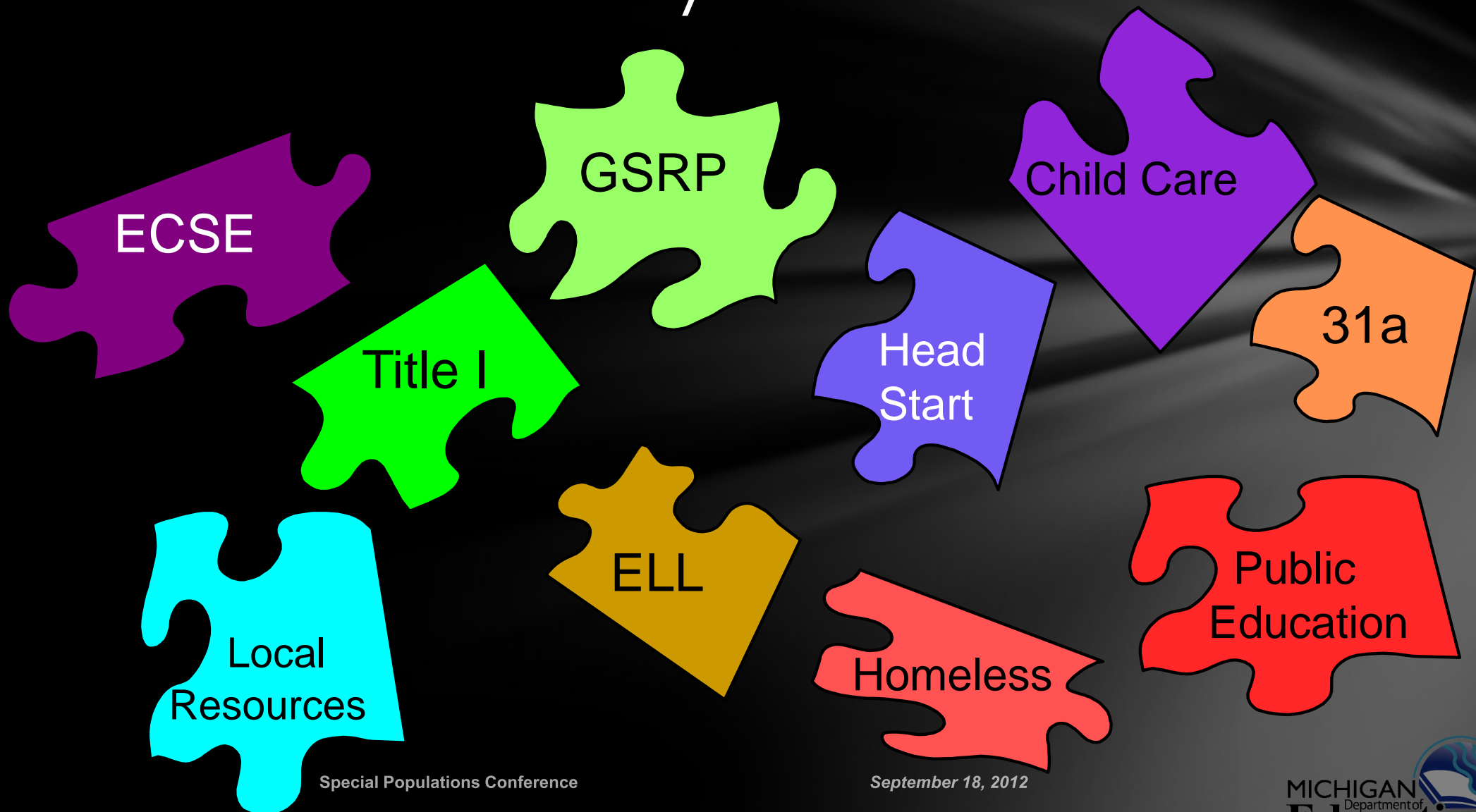
Office of Great Start: Early Childhood and Special Populations

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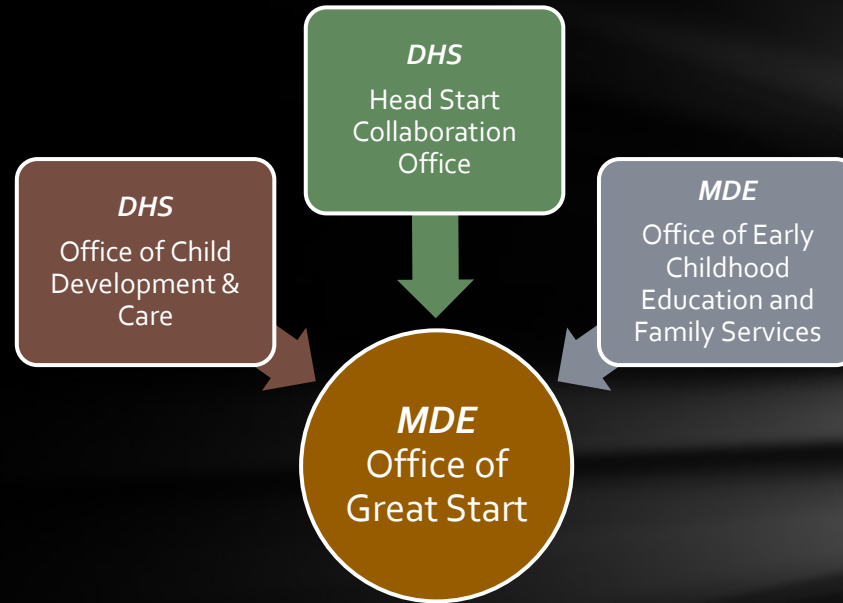
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Show me the Money!



Transition to the Office of Great Start (MDE)



- Executive Order 2011-08 consolidated early childhood programs and resources under a single agency in an effort to:

Transition to the Office of Great Start (MDE)

- Maximize child outcomes
- Reduce duplication and administrative overhead
- Reinvest resources into quality improvement and service delivery

Michigan Office of Great Start

Prenatal to Age 8 Outcomes

- Children born healthy
- Children healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade
- Children developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry
- Children prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade

Head Start Mandates

- Head Start Act of 2007
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Performance Standards

Head Start Income Eligibility

- Child must be at least three years old by the date used to determine eligibility for public school.
- At least 90 percent of the children who are enrolled in each Head Start program must be from low-income families.
- Low-income families as defined by the Head Start Act are “at or below the federal poverty line” or 100% of poverty

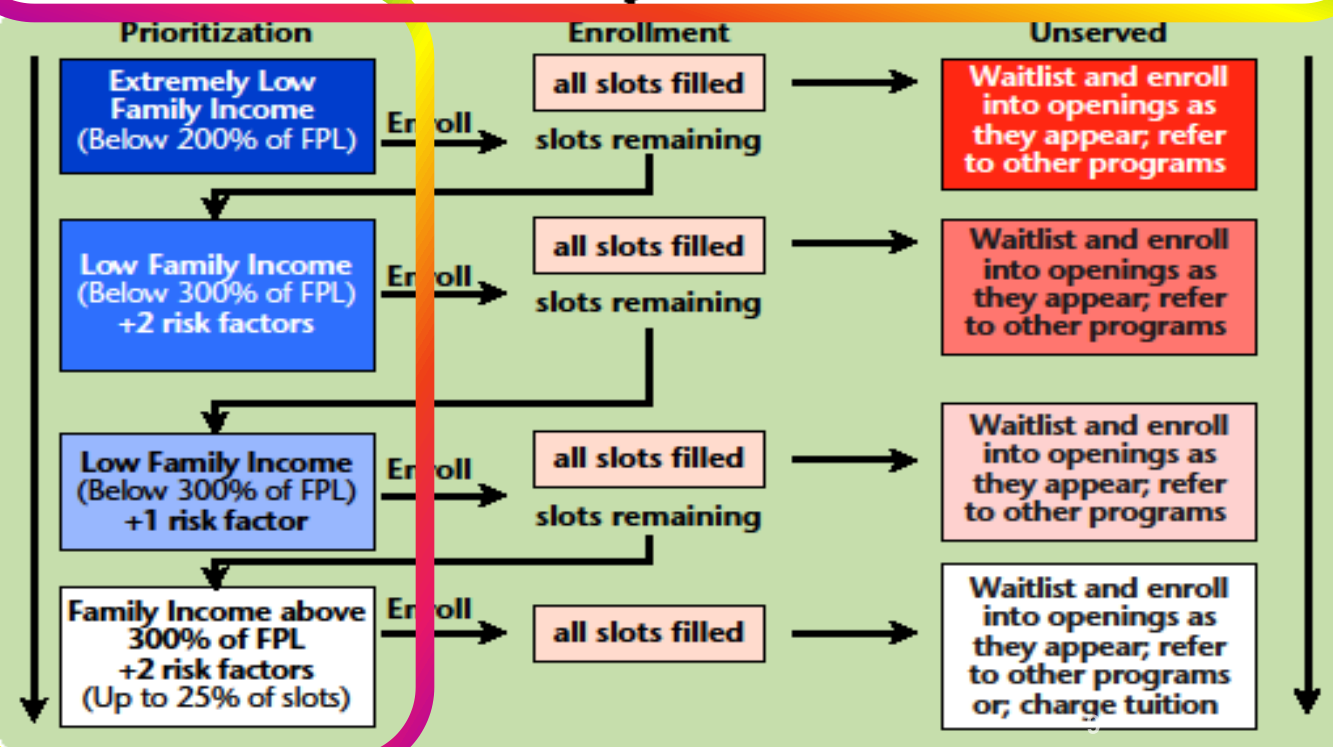
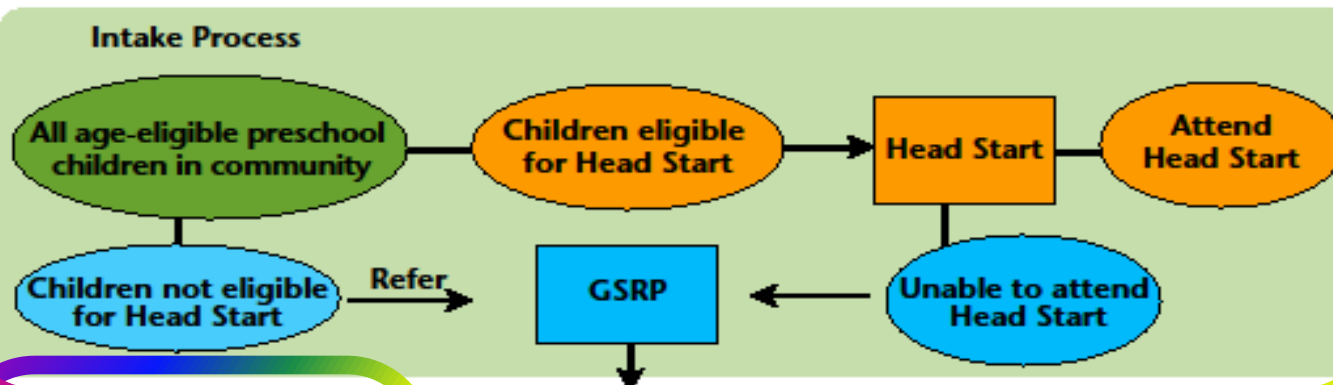
Head Start Categorical Eligibility

- Foster Care
- Homeless as defined by McKinney-Vento
- Social Security Income (SSI)
- Public Assistance (TANF)
- Additional Provision
- At least 10% enrollment of children with an Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Great Start Readiness Program

Participant Eligibility and Prioritization Guidelines

Eligibility and Enrollment



Factors Contributing to Educational Risk

Extremely Low Family Income (Below 200% of FPL)

Low Family Income (200 - 300% of FPL)

Diagnosed Disability or Identified Developmental Delay

Severe or Challenging Behavior

Primary Home Language Other than English

Parent/s with Low Educational Attainment

Abuse/Neglect of Child or Parent

Environmental Risk

Great Start School Readiness Requirement

Communities in Michigan are required to:

- Collaborate in preschool recruitment and enrollment activities
- Present to families one preschool application for all programs, and share one waiting list

Great Start School Readiness Requirement

- Establish local protocol for assisting parents in selecting the program best suited to their needs
 - Local protocol should include mutual referrals among all available programs
 - Local protocol should also be reviewed annually to assure the goal of serving the greatest number of children is met

Great Start School Readiness Eligibility/Risk Factors

1. Extremely low income (below 200%)
2. Low income (below 300%)
3. Diagnosed disability or development delay
4. Severe or challenging behavior
5. Primary home language other than English
6. Low parent/guardian educational attainment
7. Abuse/neglect
8. Environmental risk

Section 31a Early Childhood Programs

Funds may be used to develop a new district managed preschool program in those areas that are under served:

All costs for a 3 or 4 year old preschool program could be covered with Section 31a funds in a under served area.

The expectation is that the program follow the same eligibility guidelines, requirements, and best practices as a GSRP.

Section 31a Early Childhood Programs

Funds may be used to supplement an existing preschool program:

Additional slots provided to an existing GSRP program, at the current per slot funding

Supplemental staff above and beyond the GSRP requirements

Supplemental supplies and materials

Tuition paid for At-Risk students to attend a tuition based program in the district

Section 31a Early Childhood Programs

Unallowable uses of funds:

Professional development

Parental involvement

Administration

Additional costs above the per child
allocation to meet GSRP requirements

Subcontracting funds to the Head Start
program

Section 31a Early Childhood Programs

Department of Education Expectations:

All Head Start eligible children must be referred to the local Head Start Program first, then to GSRP and if neither are available district programs.

GSRP rules and regulations apply to all Section 31a preschool services.

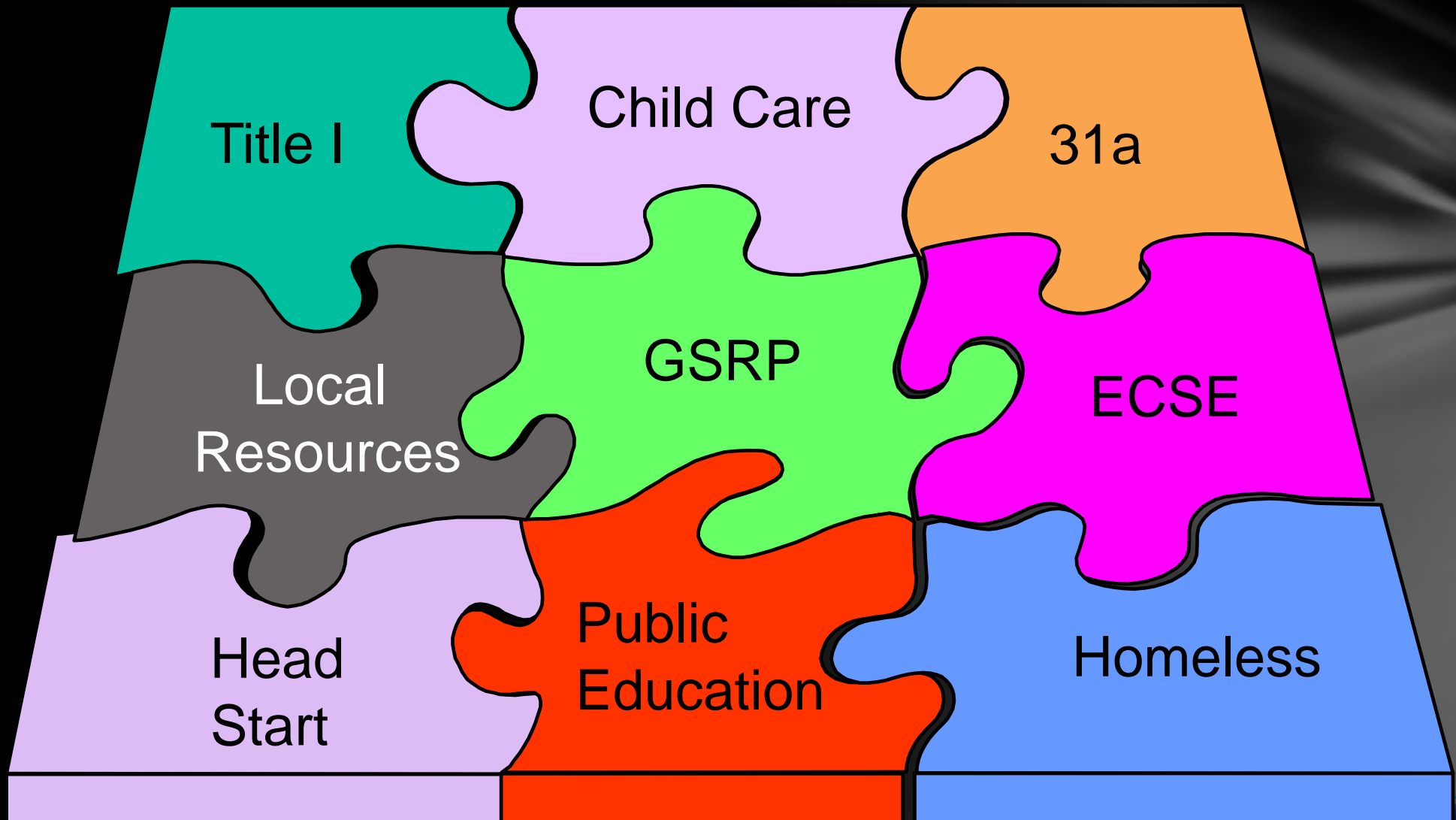
Over aged children are not eligible.

Early Childhood Special Education

Efforts underway in hopes of great partnership opportunities:

- Policy Paper funded by the Early Learning Advisory Council
- Child Care Licensing Center Rule Set under review
- Great Start to Quality integration upon licensing requirement

Putting it all together



Maximizing Resources



Partnering Across the
Early Childhood System